

REMARKS

Changes to the specification and claims are shown in the attached Appendix A ("VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE") with additions underlined.

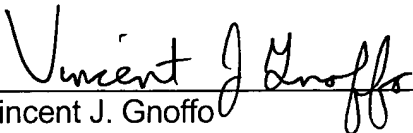
The drawings stand objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) as failing to show all features of the invention claimed. Figure 11 has been amended in the drawings to better describe the claimed features. The figure amendment is supported by the specification on at least page 10, lines 9-12 and page 11, lines 20-22. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 as containing matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. The examiner indicated that it was unclear what comprises the "graphic user interface" or how it operates.

As indicated above, the "graphic user interface" or "GUI" is shown in the amended figures. In addition, the applicants submit that the "GUI" is sufficiently described in the description to enable one skilled in the art to make and/or use the invention. Reference is especially made to the description from page 10, line 3 to page 12, line 20. Therefore, applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1-33 be withdrawn.

For all of the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the present application. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number if there are any outstanding issues that could be resolved through a telephone conference.

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Appendix A
VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification:

On page 10, please delete the paragraph contained in line 3 to line 12, and insert the following text thereof:

(Twice Amended) Referring to FIGS. 1-3, the S-base and A-base revenue meters' cover 24, and the Switchboard revenue meter's cover 48, are at least partially transparent. The transparency permits viewing of the meter's display 28 including a graphic user interface (GUI) 199 (Fig. 11) [(not shown)] without having to remove the cover 24. As mentioned above, the meter cover 24 provides the context adaptable input device such as the keypad 32 for interacting with the revenue meter while the meter cover 24, 48 remains in place. Artisans will appreciate that the keypad 32 can be replaced with other context adaptable input devices, such as a touch screen 1100, a mouse 1110, a track ball 1120, a light pen 1130, a membrane switch 1140, joystick 1150, dial 1160, or other similar devices.

On page 11, please delete the paragraph contained in line 15 to line 24, and insert the following text thereof:

In addition, the user may also use the keypad 32 or other suitable input device to navigate through a hierarchic menu system for meter configuration or GUI 199 customization. In the preferred embodiment, the meter 20, 34, 42 is provided with a default set of display screens and hierarchic interface menus, which can be re-programmed through the user interface itself or through the communications ports. The information to be displayed on the display screen, consists of graphical objects such as scalable text 198, lines 197, circles 196, rectangles 195, charts 194, etc. For each screen, a template is provided which in turn provides information on how the screen is laid out. Preferably, the template provides information on the appearance and location of the graphical objects.

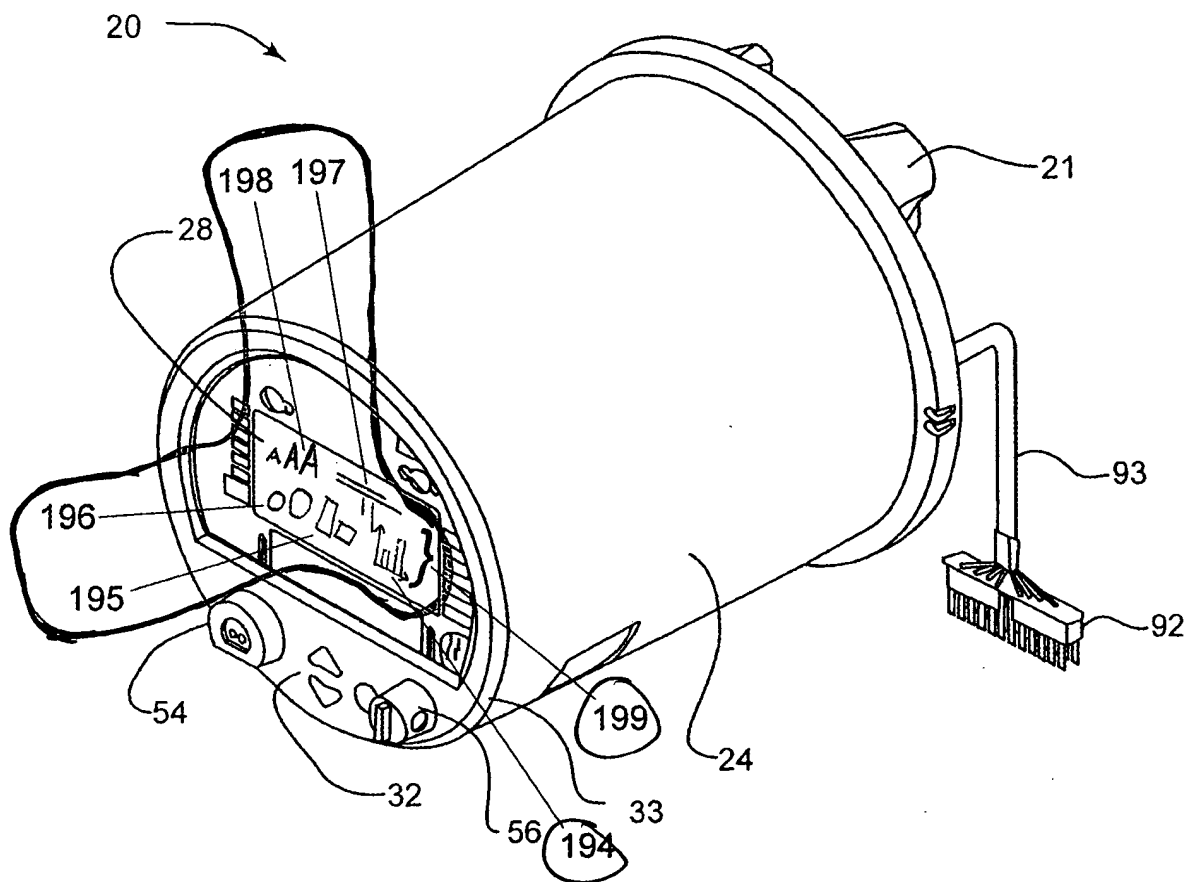


FIG. 11

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